

1           **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON PROVIDING CONTINUING**  
2           **FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE DELIVERY**  
3           **OF BASIC SERVICES TO DUTCH JOHN, UTAH**

4                           2011 GENERAL SESSION

5                           STATE OF UTAH

6                           **Chief Sponsor: Melvin R. Brown**

7                           Senate Sponsor: Kevin T. Van Tassell

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9           **LONG TITLE**

10           **General Description:**

11                   This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges the United States  
12           Government and the Secretary of the Interior to provide continued financial assistance  
13           to defray the costs of administration and basic community services for residents of  
14           Dutch John, Utah.

15           **Highlighted Provisions:**

16                   This resolution:

17                   ▶   urges the United States Government and the Secretary of the Interior to provide  
18           continued financial assistance of \$500,000 per year for 15 years to Daggett County  
19           to defray the costs of administration and basic community services for the residents  
20           of Dutch John, Utah.

21           **Special Clauses:**

22                   None

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24           *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

25                   WHEREAS, the Dutch John Federal Property Disposition and Assistance Act of 1998  
26           disposed of certain federal properties located in Dutch John, Utah, and provided for assistance  
27           to Daggett County for the delivery of basic services to the Dutch John community, and for  
28           other purposes;

29                   WHEREAS, for the purpose of defraying costs of administration and provision of basic

30 community services, an annual payment of \$300,000, as adjusted by the Secretary of the  
31 Interior for changes in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers published by the  
32 Department of Labor, has been provided from the Upper Colorado Basin Fund authorized by  
33 Section 5 of the Act of April 11, 1956 (70 Stat. 107, chapter 203; 43 U.S.C. 620d), to Daggett  
34 County, Utah, or in accordance with Subsection (c), to Dutch John, Utah, for a period not to  
35 exceed 15 years beginning the first January 1 that occurs after the date of the effective date of  
36 this resolution;

37 WHEREAS, these payments for the purpose of defraying costs of administration and  
38 provision of basic community services will terminate December 31, 2013;

39 WHEREAS, Dutch John was established in 1958 by the Bureau of Reclamation to  
40 provide housing and serve project construction needs for the construction of Flaming Gorge  
41 Dam;

42 WHEREAS, permanent structures for housing, administrative offices, maintenance, and  
43 other public purposes continue to be owned and maintained by the Bureau of Reclamation;

44 WHEREAS, during construction of the dam, more than 2,000 people were housed in  
45 the town;

46 WHEREAS, the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Forest Service,  
47 responsible for land management at Dutch John and surrounding Flaming Gorge National  
48 Recreation Area, continue to provide basic services and facilities for the community;

49 WHEREAS, basic services for Dutch John, as well as the operating and administrative  
50 costs for the town prior to 1998, were financed by the Bureau of Reclamation and the United  
51 States Forest Service, then reimbursed by annual power sales revenue;

52 WHEREAS, the federal costs of providing the full range of community facilities and  
53 services in Dutch John had substantially grown over the years, and in 1998 approached \$1  
54 million annually;

55 WHEREAS, currently, Daggett County is providing these basic community services to  
56 Dutch John, such as road maintenance, water, and sewer;

57 WHEREAS, to offset these costs, while a traditional community tax base was being

58 established in Dutch John, Daggett County received an annual subsidy that is to last for 15  
59 years from public power revenues;

60 WHEREAS, the Dutch John Federal Property Disposition and Assistance Act of 1998  
61 anticipated that in the initial 15-year period commercial developments would be established  
62 that would help finance local services;

63 WHEREAS, the commercial developments that were anticipated to occur in Dutch  
64 John to help finance local services have not been established; and

65 WHEREAS, Daggett County is more than 85% federally owned, thus limiting the  
66 ability of the county to raise needed property taxes to support the unincorporated community of  
67 Dutch John:

68 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
69 Governor concurring therein, urge the United States Government and the Secretary of the  
70 Interior to provide continued financial assistance to the unincorporated community of Dutch  
71 John, Utah, in the amount of at least \$500,000 annually, as adjusted by the Secretary of the  
72 Interior for changes in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers published by the  
73 Department of Labor, from the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund for a period not to exceed 15  
74 years, for the purpose of defraying costs of administration and the provision of basic  
75 community services.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the United  
77 States Secretary of the Interior, the members of Utah's congressional delegation, the United  
78 States Forest Service, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Daggett County Commission.